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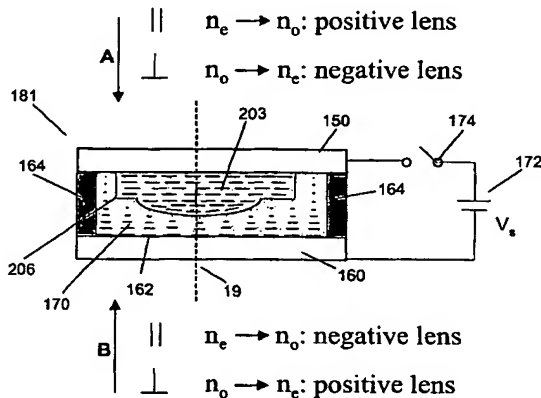
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(57) Abstract: An optical component (181) comprises a first birefringent layer (203) connected to a second birefringent layer (170) by a curved interface (206). An optical axis (19) passes through the first and the second layer. The second birefringent layer (170) has molecules movable between a first orientation and a second orientation relative to the optical axis. The refractive index of the second birefringent layer (170) is dependent upon the orientation of the modules.

